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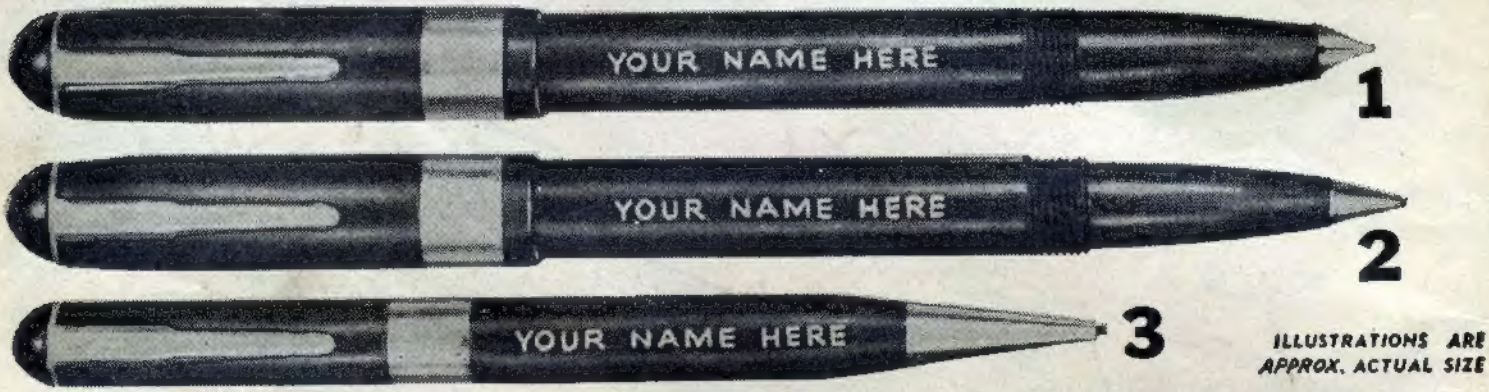

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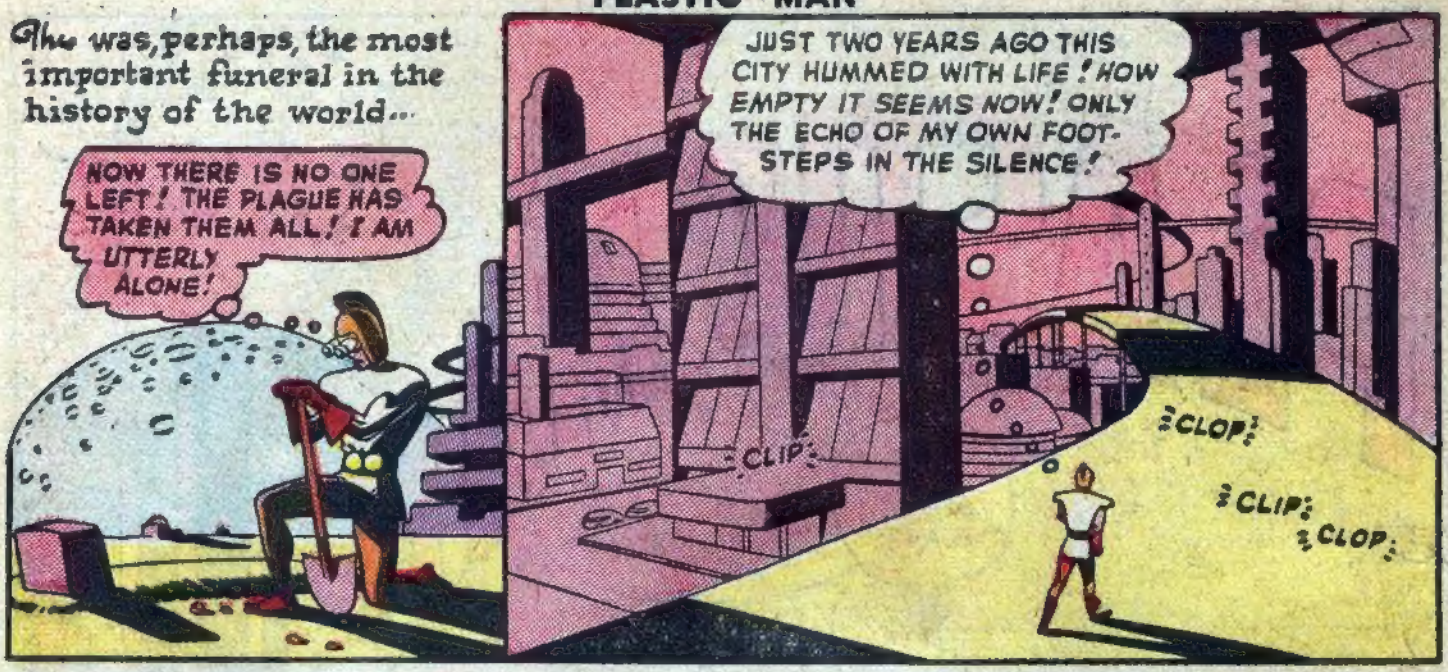
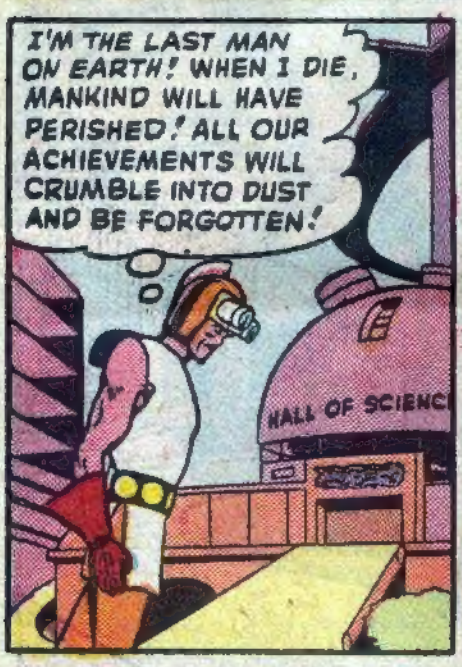
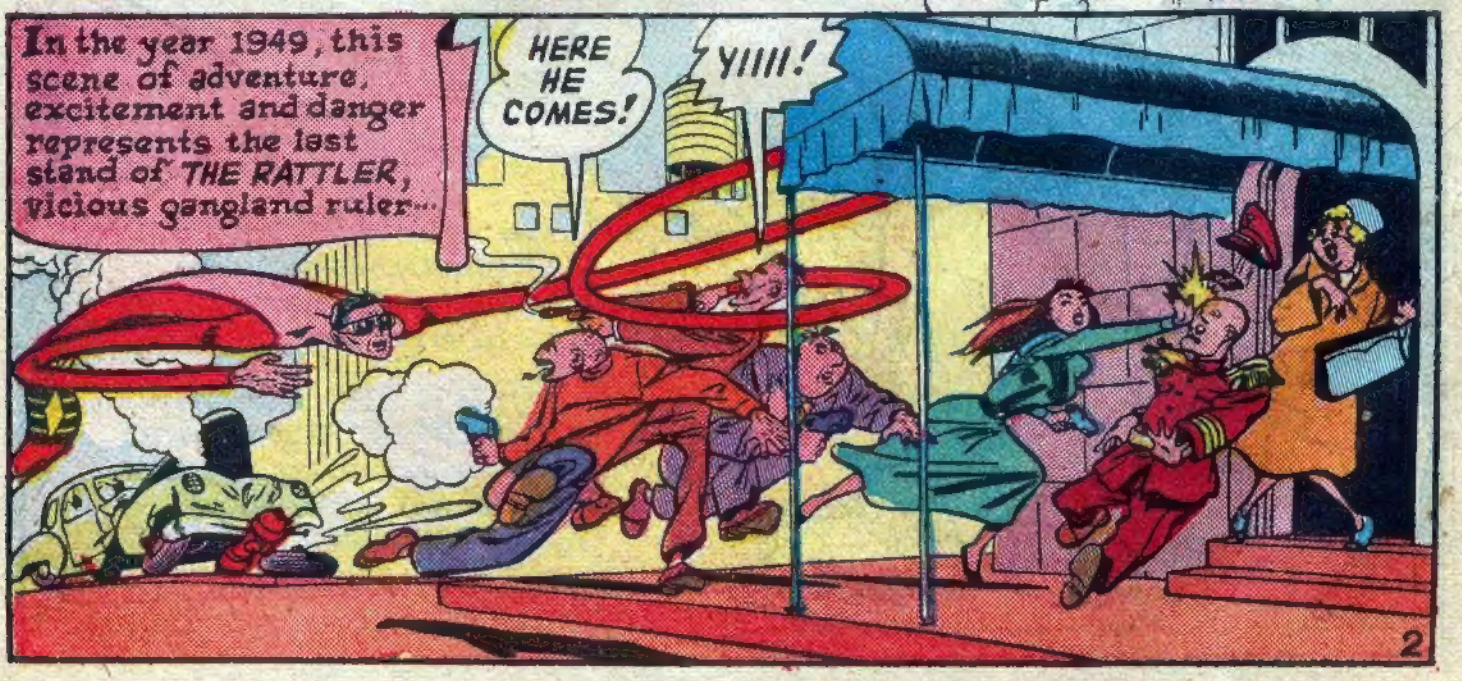
PLASTIC MAN
WH... WHERE ARE WE, PLAS?
A LONG WAY IN THE FUTURE, WOOZY! IT'S THE YEAR FOUR MILLION A.D.!
From the earth's dim future he came! His name is UNO, and he is the last man on earth!
What is UNO'S strange mission in the year 1949? Only PLASTIC MAN and the underworld's ruthless killer, THE RATTLER, know the answer!

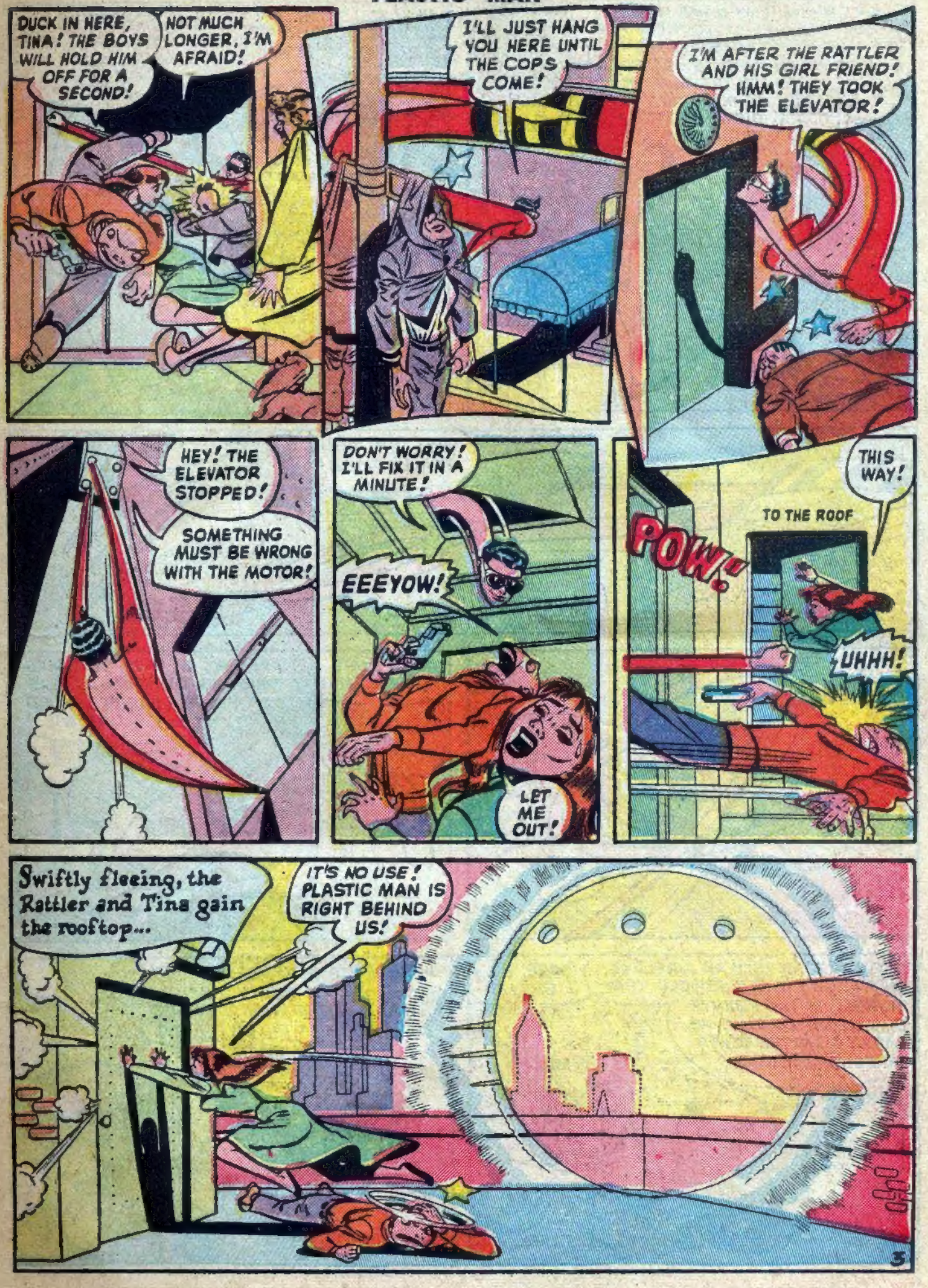

It was, perhaps, the most important funeral in the history of the world...
NOW THERE IS NO ONE LEFT! THE PLAGUE HAS TAKEN THEM ALL! I AM UTTERLY ALONE!
JUST TWO YEARS AGO THIS CITY HUMMED WITH LIFE! HOW EMPTY IT SEEMS NOW! ONLY THE ECHO OF MY OWN FOOTSTEPS IN THE SILENCE!
CLIP
CLOP
CLIP
CLOP

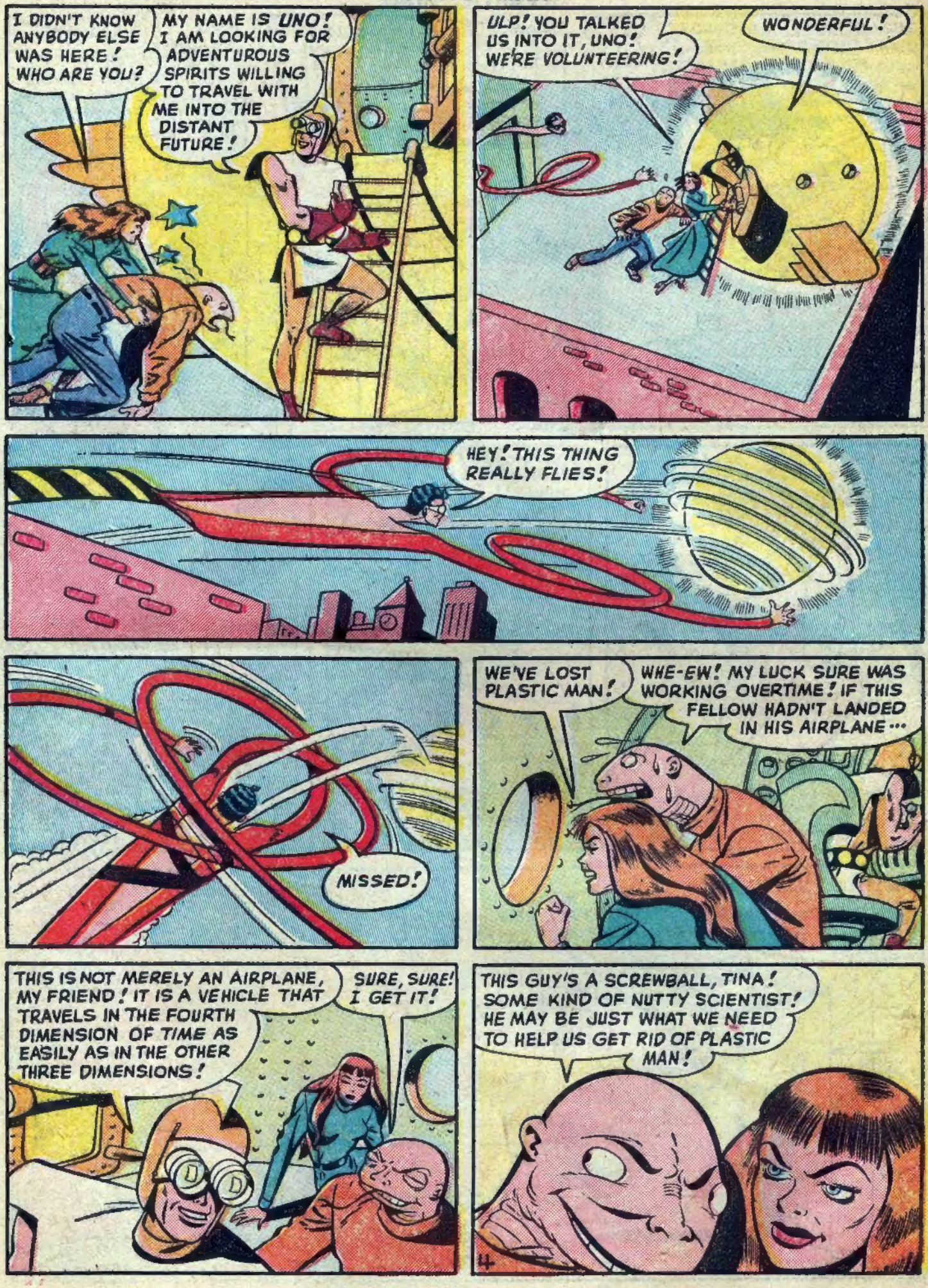

I'M THE LAST MAN ON EARTH! WHEN I DIE, MANKIND WILL HAVE PERISHED! ALL OUR ACHIEVEMENTS WILL CRUMBLE INTO DUST AND BE FORGOTTEN!
HALL OF SCIENCE

BUT WHY SHOULD I LET IT HAPPEN? THERE IS SOMETHING I CAN DO! I CAN BRING OTHER HUMAN BEINGS FROM A DIFFERENT AGE TO COLONIZE THE EARTH OF THIS DAY!
THE FIRST TIME MACHINE
INVENTED 3,456,784 A.D.

I'LL SET THE CONTROLS FOR 1949! HISTORY SAYS THAT THE PEOPLE OF THAT REMOTE, PRIMITIVE AGE WERE ADVENTUROUS! THEY LOVED EXCITEMENT AND DANGER, SO THEY'LL MAKE PERFECT RECRUITS!


In the year 1949, this scene of adventure, excitement and danger represents the last stand of THE RATTLER, vicious gangland ruler...
HERE HE COMES!
YIIII!


DUCK IN HERE, TINA! THE BOYS WILL HOLD HIM OFF FOR A SECOND!
NOT MUCH LONGER, I'M AFRAID!
I'LL JUST HANG YOU HERE UNTIL THE COPS COME!
I'M AFTER THE RATTLER AND HIS GIRL FRIEND! HMM! THEY TOOK THE ELEVATOR!
HEY! THE ELEVATOR STOPPED!
SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG WITH THE MOTOR!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL FIX IT IN A MINUTE!
EEEYOW!
LET ME OUT!
THIS WAY!
TO THE ROOF
POW!
UHHH!
Swiftly fleeing, the Rattler and Tina gain the rooftop...
IT'S NO USE! PLASTIC MAN IS RIGHT BEHIND US!


I DIDN'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE WAS HERE! WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS UNO! I AM LOOKING FOR ADVENTUROUS SPIRITS WILLING TO TRAVEL WITH ME INTO THE DISTANT FUTURE!
ULP! YOU TALKED US INTO IT, UNO! WE'RE VOLUNTEERING!
WONDERFUL!
HEY! THIS THING REALLY FLIES!
MISSED!
WE'VE LOST PLASTIC MAN!
WHE-EW! MY LUCK SURE WAS WORKING OVERTIME! IF THIS FELLOW HADN'T LANDED IN HIS AIRPLANE...
THIS IS NOT MERELY AN AIRPLANE, MY FRIEND! IT IS A VEHICLE THAT TRAVELS IN THE FOURTH DIMENSION OF TIME AS EASILY AS IN THE OTHER THREE DIMENSIONS!
SURE, SURE! I GET IT!
THIS GUY'S A SCREWBALL, TINA! SOME KIND OF NUTTY SCIENTIST! HE MAY BE JUST WHAT WE NEED TO HELP US GET RID OF PLASTIC MAN!

STAY CLOSE TO HIM! FIND OUT HIS SECRETS! PLAY UP TO HIM, IF YOU HAVE TO! NO MAN CAN RESIST YOU!
OKAY, RATTLER DARLING! I'LL DO IT FOR YOUR SAKE!
MEANWHILE, I'LL GET A NEW GANG TOGETHER! EQUIPPED WITH HIS NEW WEAPONS, WE'LL MAKE RUBBER MEATBALLS OUT OF PLASTIC MAN!
NUTS
After the time globe lands...
I... UH... AM GONNA PACK A FEW DUDS! GOT TO BE PREPARED IF WE'RE GOING FOR A TRIP INTO TIME! TINA WILL SHOW YOU AROUND WHILE I'M GONE!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN AT THIS SPOT!
HE SEEMS A FEARLESS MAN! HE WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT RECRUIT FOR THE DANGEROUS JOURNEY AHEAD!
TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOURSELF! YOU FASCINATE ME!
FIRST I MUST FIND OTHER RECRUITS! WE'LL CRUISE AROUND IN THE TIME GLOBE UNTIL WE FIND A LIKELY PROSPECT!
HMM... HE'S YOUNG... HEALTHY... HANDSOME! HOW CAN HE KEEP HIS MIND ON BUSINESS WHEN I'M AROUND?
Later
THE RATTLER'S CLEVERER THAN I THOUGHT! HE MUST'VE PLANTED A CONFEDERATE ON THE ROOF TO HELP HIM ESCAPE! BUT I NEVER SAW A PLANE LIKE THAT ONE!
WELL!
HOW DO YOU DO! MY NAME IS WOOZY WINKS AND...
WHOOOSH!
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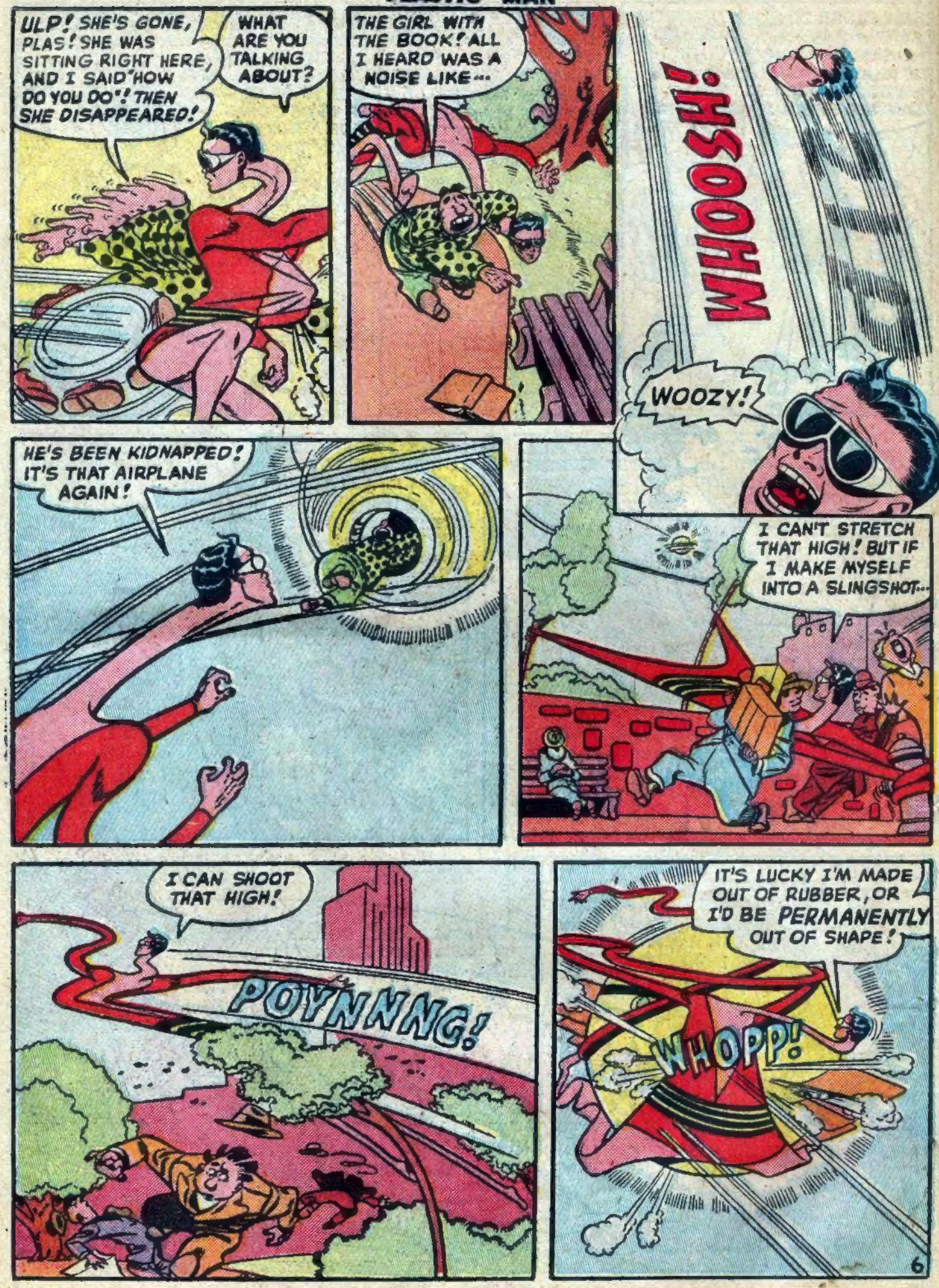
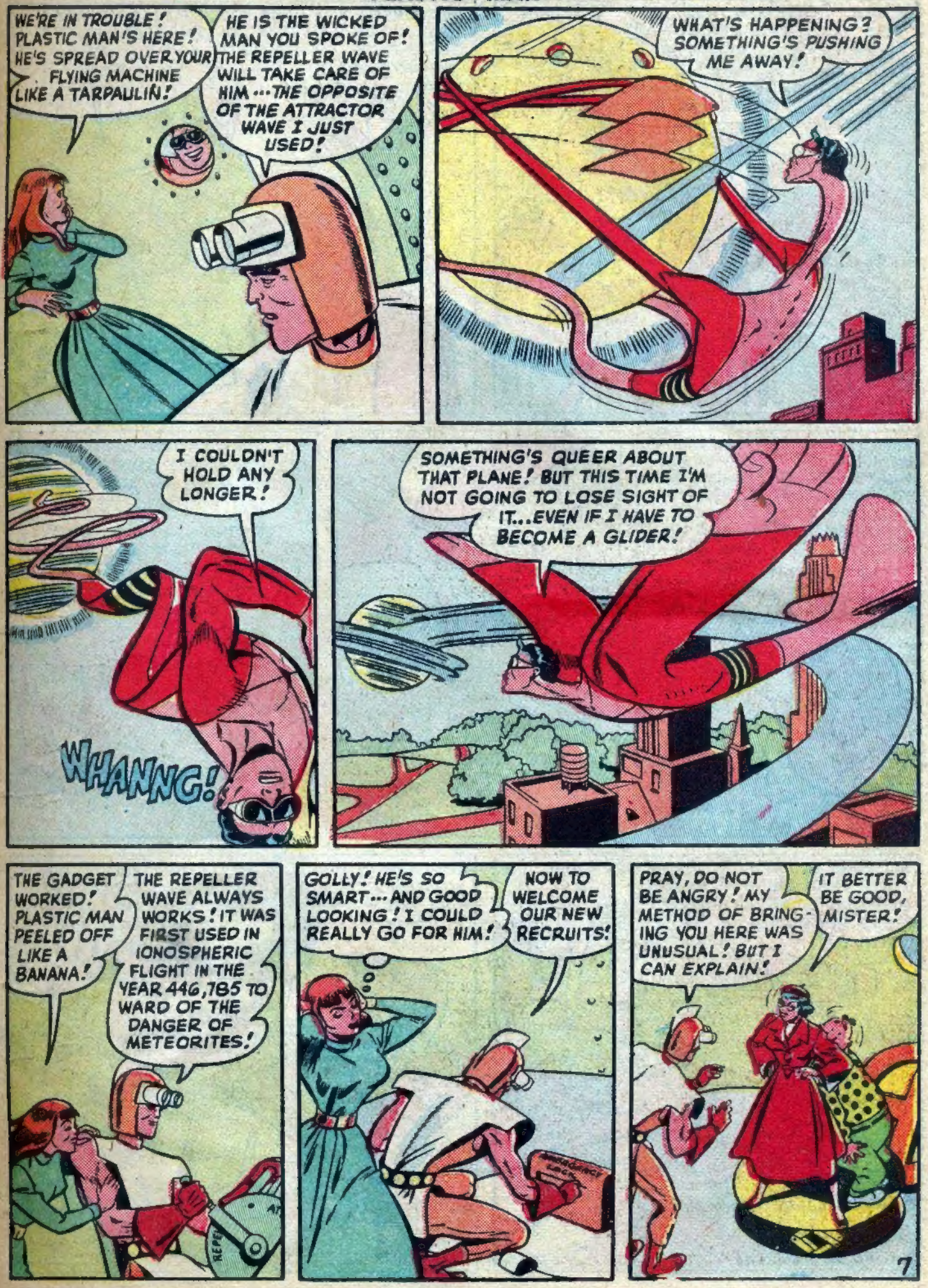
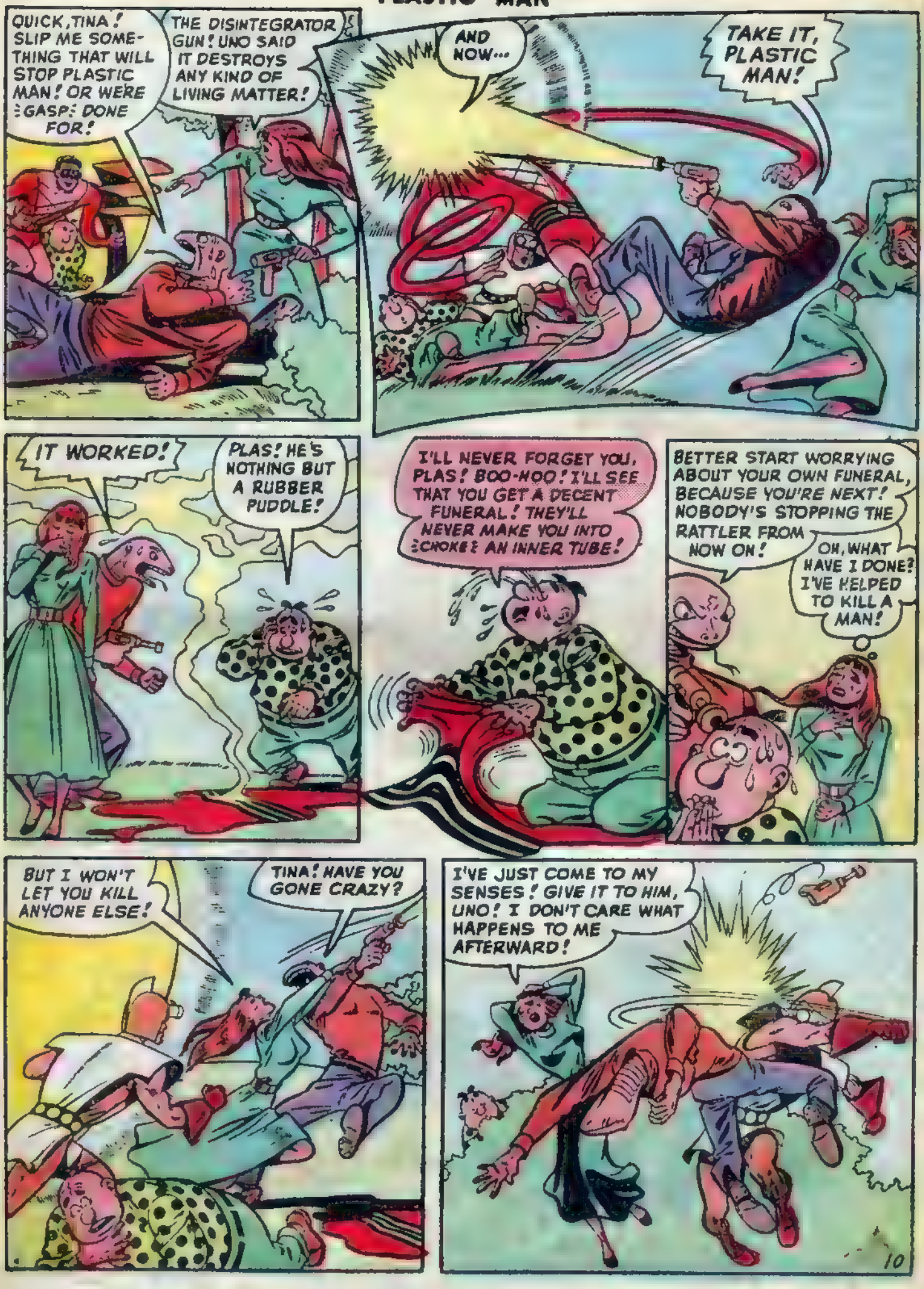

ULP! SHE'S GONE, PLAS! SHE WAS SITTING RIGHT HERE, AND I SAID "HOW DO YOU DO"! THEN SHE DISAPPEARED!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE GIRL WITH THE BOOK! ALL I HEARD WAS A NOISE LIKE...
WHOOSH!
WOOZY!
HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED! IT'S THAT AIRPLANE AGAIN!
I CAN'T STRETCH THAT HIGH! BUT IF I MAKE MYSELF INTO A SLINGSHOT...
I CAN SHOOT THAT HIGH!
POYNNNG!
IT'S LUCKY I'M MADE OUT OF RUBBER, OR I'D BE PERMANENTLY OUT OF SHAPE!
WHOPP!

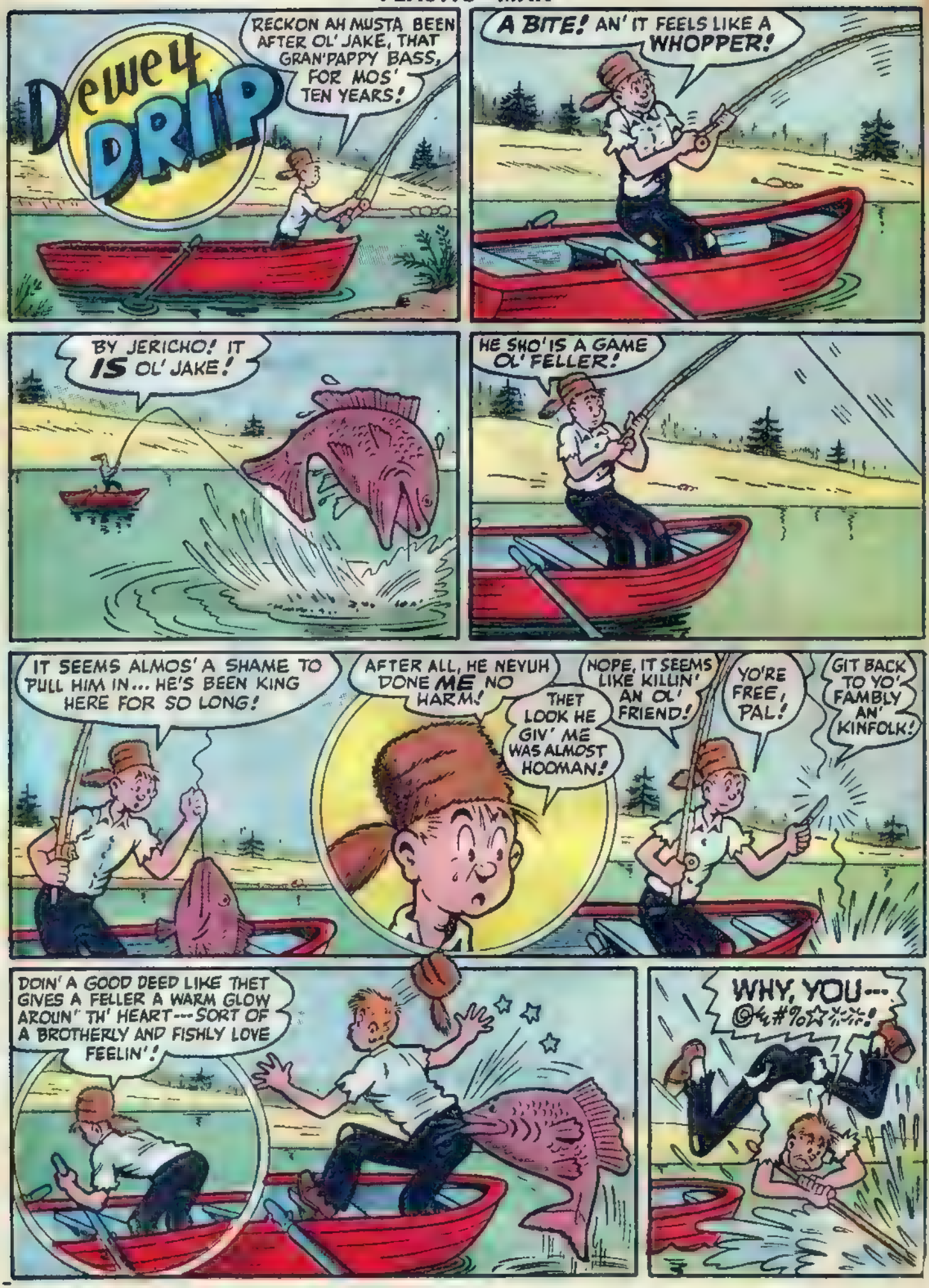

WE'RE IN TROUBLE! PLASTIC MAN'S HERE! HE'S SPREAD OVER YOUR FLYING MACHINE LIKE A TARPAULIN!
HE IS THE WICKED MAN YOU SPOKE OF! THE REPELLER WAVE WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM ... THE OPPOSITE OF THE ATTRACTOR WAVE I JUST USED!
WHAT'S HAPPENING? SOMETHING'S PUSHING ME AWAY!
I COULDN'T HOLD ANY LONGER!
WHANNG!
SOMETHING'S QUEER ABOUT THAT PLANE! BUT THIS TIME I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE SIGHT OF IT...EVEN IF I HAVE TO BECOME A GLIDER!
THE GADGET WORKED! PLASTIC MAN PEELED OFF LIKE A BANANA!
THE REPELLER WAVE ALWAYS WORKS! IT WAS FIRST USED IN IONOSPHERIC FLIGHT IN THE YEAR 446,785 TO WARD OF THE DANGER OF METEORITES!
GOLLY! HE'S SO SMART ... AND GOOD LOOKING! I COULD REALLY GO FOR HIM!
NOW TO WELCOME OUR NEW RECRUITS!
PRAY, DO NOT BE ANGRY! MY METHOD OF BRINGING YOU HERE WAS UNUSUAL! BUT I CAN EXPLAIN!
IT BETTER BE GOOD, MISTER!

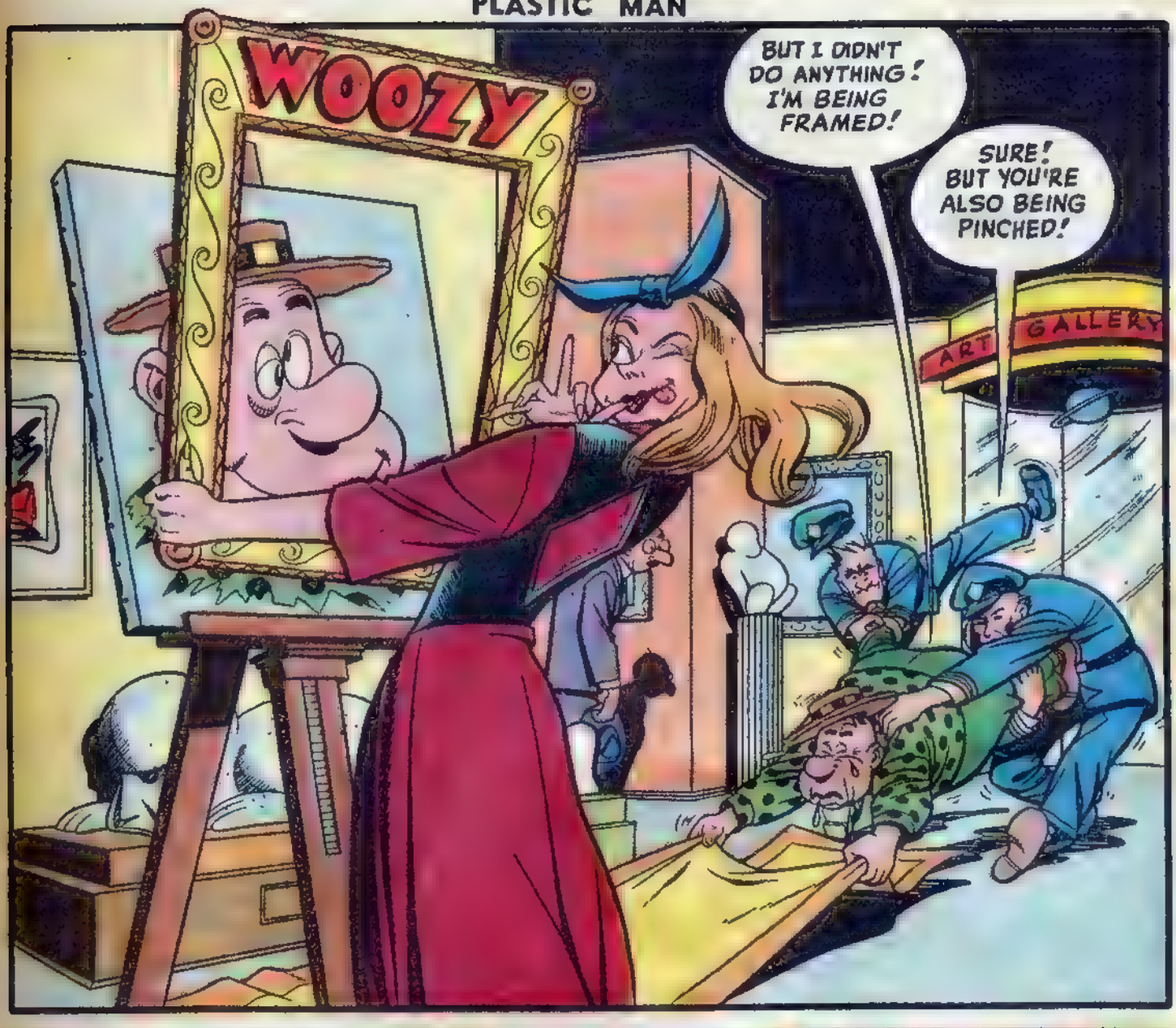
When Uno explains...
HOW THRILLING! YOU REALLY WANT ME TO JOIN YOUR PIONEERS OF THE FUTURE? I'VE NEVER BEEN SO FLATTERED!
THEN YOU'LL COME?
OF COURSE! I WOULDN'T MISS THIS CHANCE FOR ANYTHING!
AND YOU, SIR! HOW DO YOU FEEL?
OH, SURE! COUNT ME IN!
HMM! I WONDER WHAT I AGREED TO? OH, WELL, IT COULDN'T BE ANYTHING IMPORTANT!
THE MASTERFUL WAY HE PERSUADED THEM TO GO! IT... IT ALMOST MAKES ME WANT TO JOIN HIM, TOO!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S COMING IN FOR A LANDING! RIGHT BACK IN THE PARK! HE'S CERTAINLY LED ME A MERRY CHASE!
BUT I'M A PATIENT MAN... AND MY FUN HASN'T STARTED YET! I WON'T MAKE ANY MOVE UNTIL I FIND OUT THAT WOOZY'S SAFE!
AH, THERE YOU ARE! I SEE THAT YOU'VE BROUGHT SOME MORE RECRUITS WITH YOU!
GRAB HIM, MEN!
WH-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
YOU'LL FIND OUT, DIMBRAIN! OKAY, TINA! YOU CAN COME OUT NOW!

DID YOU CARRY OUT MY ORDERS? YOU KNOW HOW THE CONTRAPTION WORKS... AND ABOUT HIS WEAPONS?
YES, RATTLER! HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING!
TINA!
I SEE IT ALL NOW! I'VE BEEN BETRAYED! THE WHOLE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD ENDANGERED BY A WOMAN!
STEP LIVELY!
LET THEM GO, RATTLER! THEY CAN'T HURT US ANY MORE! I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW!
DON'T BE DUMB, TINA!
I'M GONNA...
NO VIOLENCE, PLEASE!
PLASTIC MAN!
POW!
I ABHOR PHYSICAL BRUTALITY!
THE MERE IDEA OF DOING ANYTHING LIKE THIS CAUSES MY SENSITIVE SOUL TO REVOLT!


QUICK, TINA! SLIP ME SOMETHING THAT WILL STOP PLASTIC MAN! OR WE'RE :GASP: DONE FOR!
THE DISINTEGRATOR GUN! UNO SAID IT DESTROYS ANY KIND OF LIVING MATTER!
AND NOW...
TAKE IT, PLASTIC MAN!
IT WORKED!
PLAS! HE'S NOTHING BUT A RUBBER PUDDLE!
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, PLAS! BOO-HOO! I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET A DECENT FUNERAL! THEY'LL NEVER MAKE YOU INTO :CHOKE: AN INNER TUBE!
BETTER START WORRYING ABOUT YOUR OWN FUNERAL, BECAUSE YOU'RE NEXT! NOBODY'S STOPPING THE RATTLER FROM NOW ON!
OH, WHAT HAVE I DONE? I'VE HELPED TO KILL A MAN!
BUT I WON'T LET YOU KILL ANYONE ELSE!
TINA! HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY?
I'VE JUST COME TO MY SENSES! GIVE IT TO HIM, UNO! I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME AFTERWARD!

DON'T LET HIM SHOOT THAT PISTOL! KILL HIM!
THE DISINTEGRATOR ALSO WORKS IN REVERSE!
BEHOLD!
EYOWW! HE'S BRINGING BACK PLASTIC MAN!
I'LL JUST PICK UP AGAIN WHERE I WAS INTERRUPTED!
GLUHGG!
THIS IS MY ONE-TWO PUNCH! IT'S ENOUGH TO PLUCK YOUR FANGS FOR GOOD, RATTLER!
AHHHH!
After the Rattler is in the hands of the police--
I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL IN CHOOSING MY RECRUITS FROM NOW ON! BUT I'VE MADE A GOOD BEGINNING! THERE WILL BE OTHERS WILLING TO RISK LIFE IN THE DISTANT FUTURE!
WE'LL MAKE A GO OF IT--TOGETHER! THANKS FOR CLEARING ME WITH THE COPS, PLASTIC MAN!
SIGH! I ALMOST WISH I COULD HAVE GONE WITH THEM, WOOZY! THEY'RE DARING UNKNOWN DIFFICULTIES AND DANGERS! BUT SOMEHOW I HAVE A FEELING THAT UNO WON'T BE THE LAST OF MANKIND!
GEE! I COULD'VE GONE, TOO--BUT I CHOSE TO STAY HERE WITH YOU!
I--UH--APPRECIATE THAT, WOOZY! BUT PLEASE DON'T STEP INTO THAT PUDDLE! IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I FORGET HOW IT FEELS TO BE ONE!


Dewey DRIP
RECKON AH MUSTA BEEN AFTER OL' JAKE, THAT GRAN'PAPPY BASS, FOR MOS' TEN YEARS!
A BITE! AN' IT FEELS LIKE A WHOPPER!
BY JERICHO! IT IS OL' JAKE!
HE SHO' IS A GAME OL' FELLER!
IT SEEMS ALMOS' A SHAME TO PULL HIM IN... HE'S BEEN KING HERE FOR SO LONG!
AFTER ALL, HE NEVUH DONE ME NO HARM!
THET LOOK HE GIV' ME WAS ALMOST HOOMAN!
NOPE, IT SEEMS LIKE KILLIN' AN OL' FRIEND!
YO'RE FREE, PAL!
GIT BACK TO YO' FAMBLY AN' KINFOLK!
DOIN' A GOOD DEED LIKE THET GIVES A FELLER A WARM GLOW AROUN' TH' HEART---SORT OF A BROTHERLY AND FISHLY LOVE FEELIN'!
WHY, YOU---
@&#%☆*!!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BUT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING! I'M BEING FRAMED!
SURE! BUT YOU'RE ALSO BEING PINCHED!
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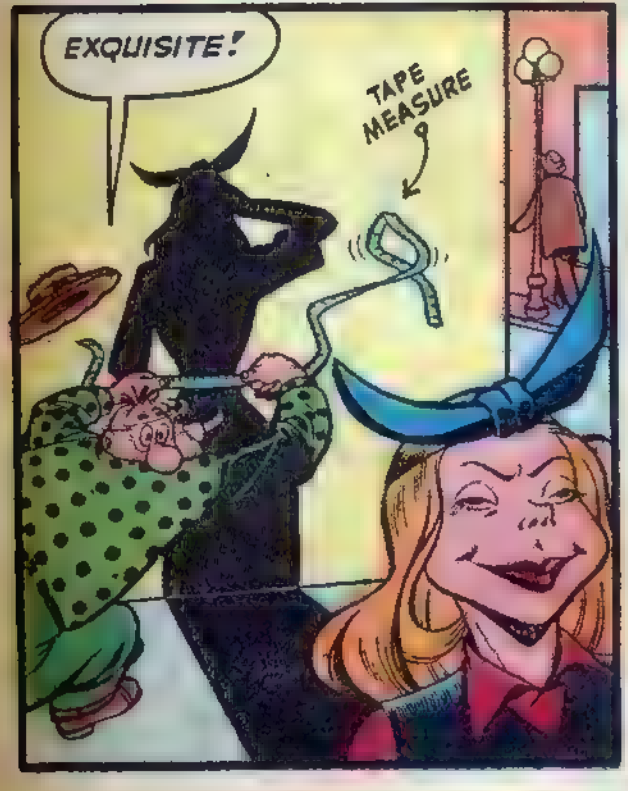
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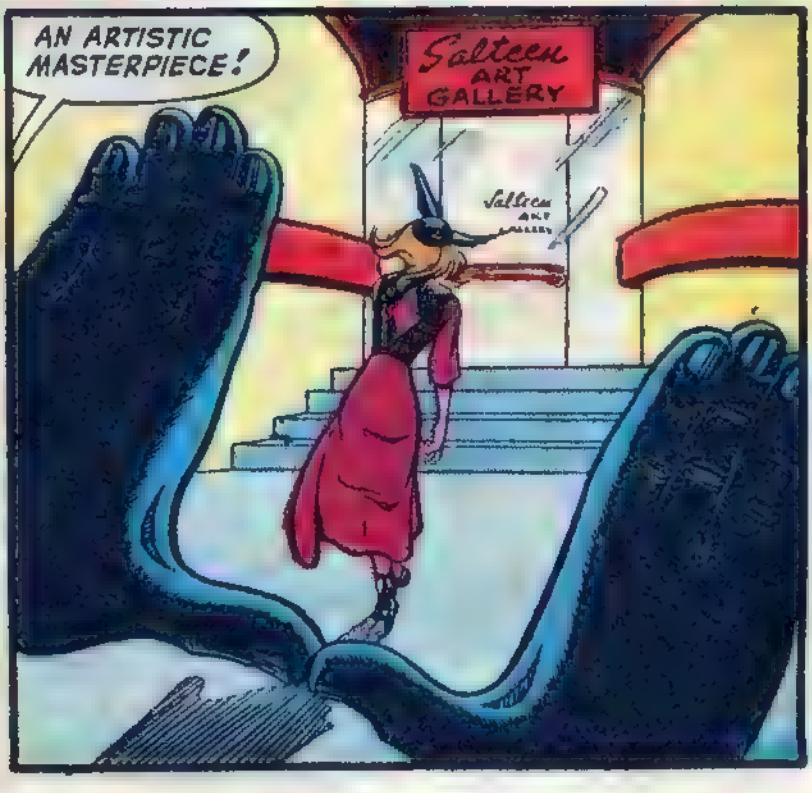
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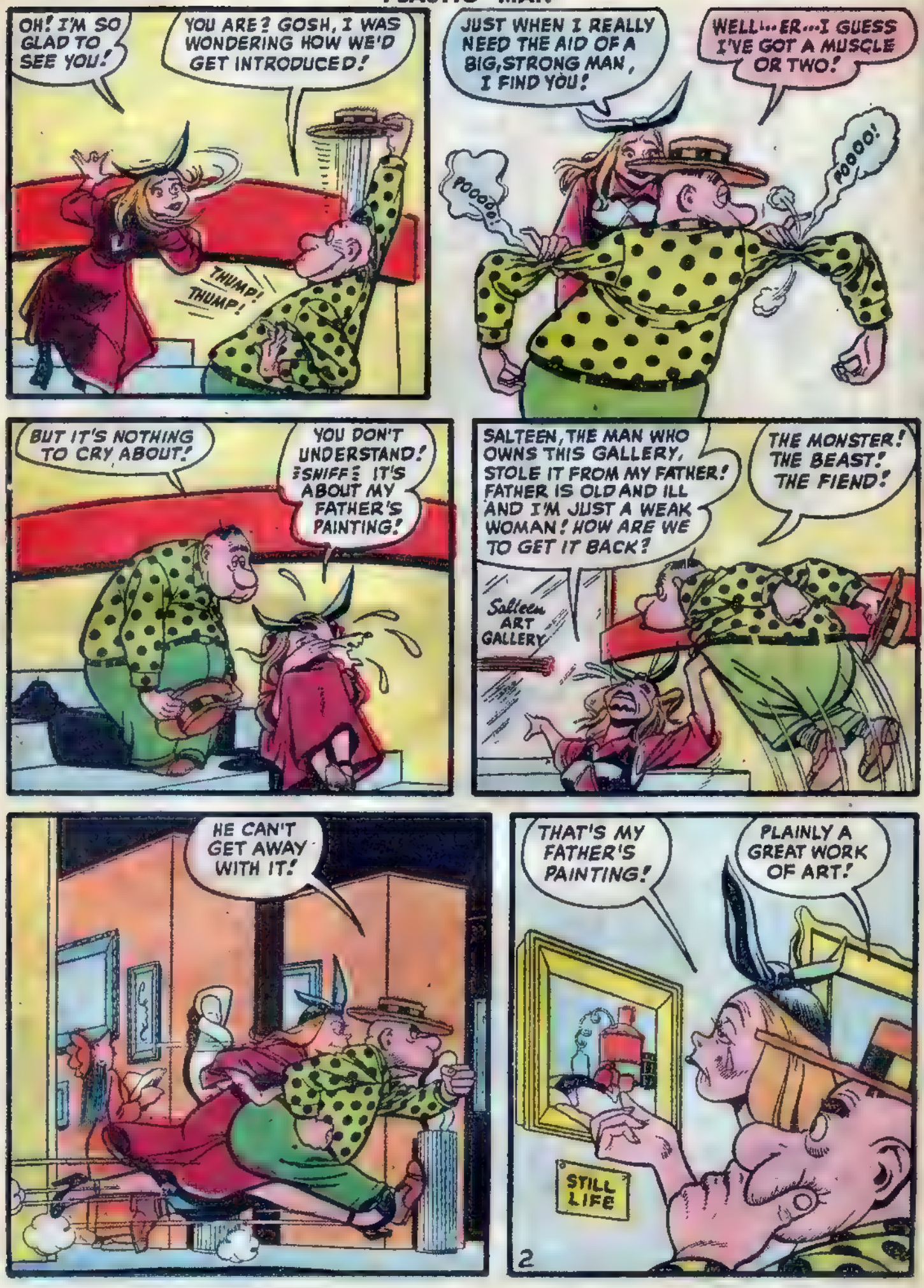
OH! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!
YOU ARE? GOSH, I WAS WONDERING HOW WE'D GET INTRODUCED!
THUMP! THUMP!
JUST WHEN I REALLY NEED THE AID OF A BIG, STRONG MAN, I FIND YOU!
WELL... ER... I GUESS I'VE GOT A MUSCLE OR TWO!
POOOO!
POOOO!
BUT IT'S NOTHING TO CRY ABOUT!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! SNIFF! IT'S ABOUT MY FATHER'S PAINTING!
SALTEEN, THE MAN WHO OWNS THIS GALLERY, STOLE IT FROM MY FATHER! FATHER IS OLD AND ILL AND I'M JUST A WEAK WOMAN! HOW ARE WE TO GET IT BACK?
THE MONSTER! THE BEAST! THE FIEND!
Salteen ART GALLERY
HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT!
THAT'S MY FATHER'S PAINTING!
PLAINLY A GREAT WORK OF ART!
STILL LIFE
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AND THAT'S SALTEEN!
I'LL HAVE IT OUT WITH HIM AT ONCE!
YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF... TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A POOR OLD ARTIST!
HUH?
AND WHAT'S MORE, YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH IT!
OUT OF MY WAY!
NO YOU DON'T! DON'T THINK YOU CAN JUST WALK OFF WITHOUT PAYING THE PENALTY FOR YOUR CRIME!
STEP ASIDE, YOU FOOL!
GUARDS! THROW THIS MADMAN OUT!
I SURE TOLD HIM OFF!
DANGER OPEN MANHOLE
KABLOOM!
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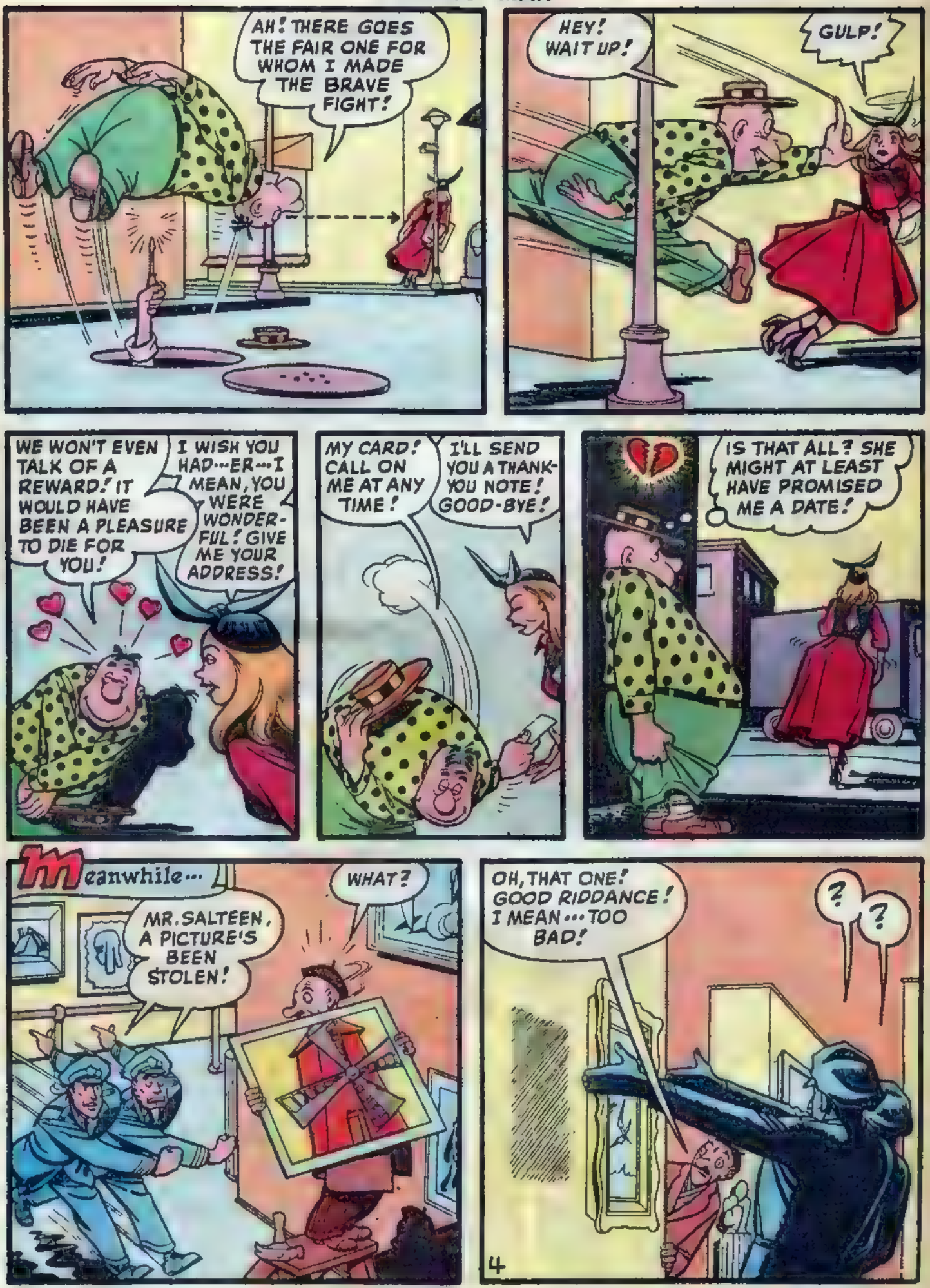
AH! THERE GOES THE FAIR ONE FOR WHOM I MADE THE BRAVE FIGHT!
HEY! WAIT UP!
GULP!
WE WON'T EVEN TALK OF A REWARD! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A PLEASURE TO DIE FOR YOU!
I WISH YOU HAD···ER···I MEAN, YOU WERE WONDERFUL! GIVE ME YOUR ADDRESS!
MY CARD! CALL ON ME AT ANY TIME!
I'LL SEND YOU A THANK-YOU NOTE! GOOD-BYE!
IS THAT ALL? SHE MIGHT AT LEAST HAVE PROMISED ME A DATE!
Meanwhile···
MR. SALTEEN, A PICTURE'S BEEN STOLEN!
WHAT?
OH, THAT ONE! GOOD RIDDANCE! I MEAN··· TOO BAD!
? ?

POOR MR. SALTEEN! HE'S TAKING THE LOSS LIKE A MAN!
SO THAT FAT LITTLE MAN CREATED THE DISTURBANCE AS A RUSE! HA! HA! THE FOOLS!
WHOEVER STOLE THAT PICTURE DOESN'T KNOW THAT IT'S MY OWN IMITATION OF THE ORIGINAL, WHICH I SOLD A LONG TIME AGO WITHOUT THE ARTIST'S KNOWLEDGE!
And at that moment...
I GOT IT, DEXTER! HERE IT IS!
YOU MAY TAKE MY WORD AS A CONNOISSEUR THAT THIS IS AN IMITATION AND A PHONY! I WON'T HANDLE IT FOR YOU!
WHAT?. I'VE BEEN ROBBED!
AND AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I WENT TO!
YOU SHOULD BE MORE DISCERNING, MY DEAR!
I'VE GOT TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT...AND I KNOW HOW! I'LL PALM IT OFF ON THE SAP WHO HELPED ME STEAL IT WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT HE WAS DOING!
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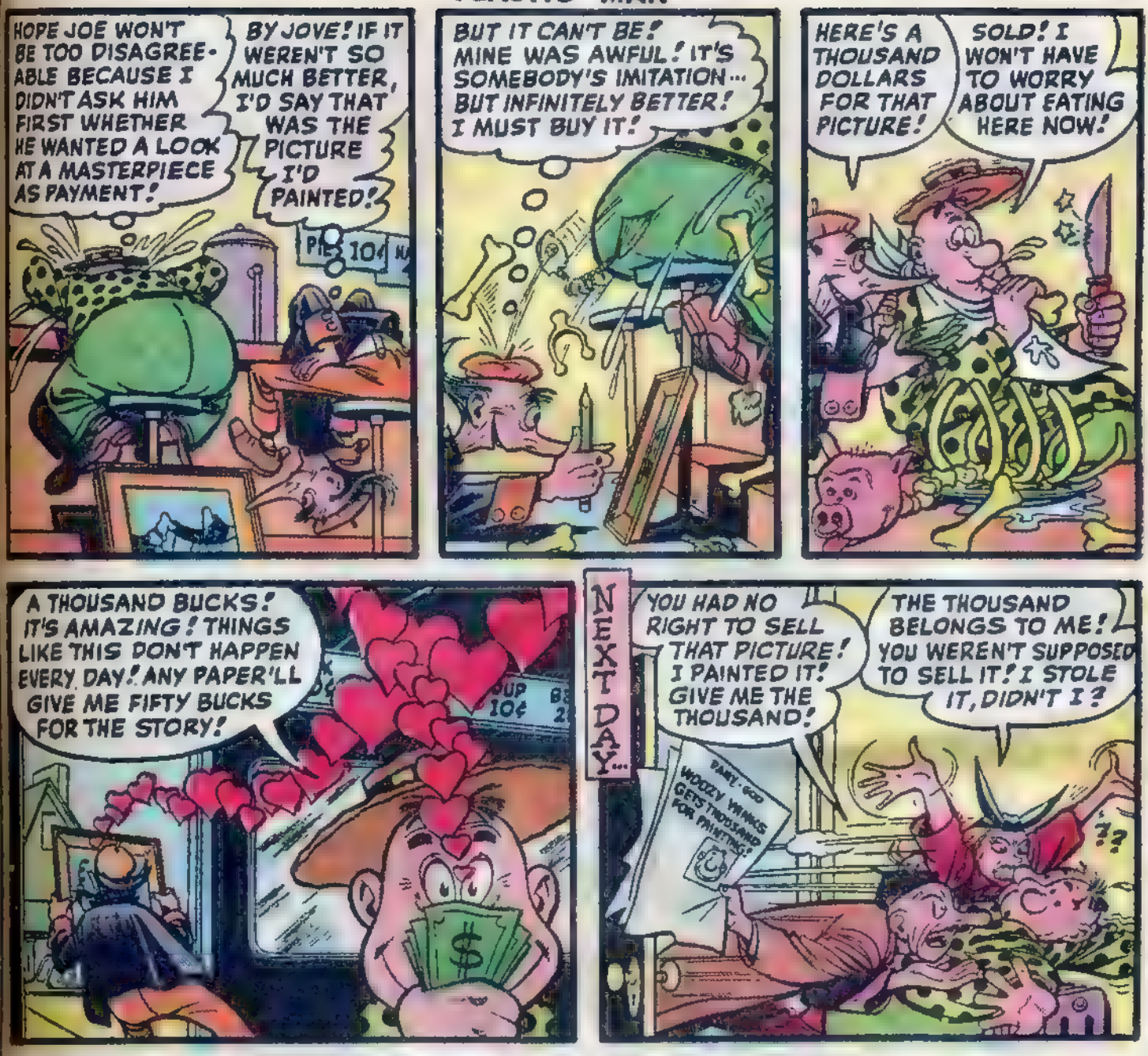
YOU!
YES! FATHER SENT ME! HE SAID HE WANTED TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR HELPING ME GET THE PICTURE!
HUH? I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU HAD IT!
IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU! AFTER YOU STRUCK TERROR INTO SALTEEN'S HEART, HE SENT IT TO ME!
AND NOW FATHER SAYS IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE IT!
GEE! ME... THE OWNER OF A MASTERPIECE!
POOR FATHER! EVEN THOUGH HE IS ILL AND POVERTY-STRICKEN, HE THINKS NOTHING OF PARTING WITH A PICTURE WORTH A HUNDRED THOUSAND ... JUST TO MAKE SOMEBODY HAPPY!
HE MUST BE A GREAT MAN, INDEED!
I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH, BUT THERE'S ABOUT SIXTY BUCKS HERE WHICH I WANT YOU TO GIVE HIM!
OH! YOU ARE TOO KIND! I'LL TAKE IT ONLY BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'D FEEL BAD IF I REFUSED!
AND NOW GOOD-BYE!
WHAT... AGAIN?
Later...
NOW I'LL HAVE TO SEE WHETHER JOE'LL LET ME HAVE A MEAL FOR A LOOK AT THIS MASTERPIECE!


HOPE JOE WON'T BE TOO DISAGREEABLE BECAUSE I DIDN'T ASK HIM FIRST WHETHER HE WANTED A LOOK AT A MASTERPIECE AS PAYMENT!
BY JOVE! IF IT WEREN'T SO MUCH BETTER, I'D SAY THAT WAS THE PICTURE I'D PAINTED!
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BUT IT CAN'T BE! MINE WAS AWFUL! IT'S SOMEBODY'S IMITATION... BUT INFINITELY BETTER! I MUST BUY IT!
HERE'S A THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THAT PICTURE!
SOLD! I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT EATING HERE NOW!
A THOUSAND BUCKS! IT'S AMAZING! THINGS LIKE THIS DON'T HAPPEN EVERY DAY! ANY PAPER'LL GIVE ME FIFTY BUCKS FOR THE STORY!
NEXT DAY...
YOU HAD NO RIGHT TO SELL THAT PICTURE! I PAINTED IT! GIVE ME THE THOUSAND!
THE THOUSAND BELONGS TO ME! YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO SELL IT! I STOLE IT, DIDN'T I?
PART-GOO WIDGLY WINKS GETS THOUSAND FOR PAINTING!
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GUESS I DON'T KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT ART OR I WOULDN'T BE SO CONFUSED!
?
BUMP
BUT SOMEHOW A THOUSAND BUCKS DOESN'T CONFUSE ME NEARLY AS MUCH AS PICTURES! WHAT'S MINE IS MINE... AND I'LL HANG ONTO IT!
CITY LIMITS

PLASTIC MAN

A Solvent Solution

JUST as he was about to grab the trio of thugs leaving the bank Plastic Man collapsed on the marble floor. "I can't go any farther," he gasped.

Frantically Woozy raced outside and hailed a passing motorist. After what seemed like hours to the distressed little man his rubbery friend was finally installed in the emergency ward of City Hospital.

White-gowned, masked surgeons stood helplessly by as the wounded Plas, with numerous holes in his chest, struggled to breathe.

"I know of no treatment we can give him," said one of the doctors sadly. "It looks hopeless."

"You gotta do something," Woozy sobbed. "You just can't let good old Plas kick off."

Plas smiled weakly. "I'm afraid it will take quite a bit of work to get me on my feet, Woozy," he said. "If it hadn't been for your quick thinking I wouldn't even have made it here to the hospital." He paused, gasping for breath, then continued in a halting voice: "The only man I know who could possibly help now is Gordon Gray, chief chemist at Amalgamated Products. He's helped me before."

Half an hour later Woozy returned to the hospital with the chemist.

"Hello, Plas," Gray said. "Sorry you're feeling out of sorts. Woozy wouldn't even let me shave or clean up. He insisted I come over right away."

It was late that same afternoon when Gray completed his work on the reclining body of Plastic Man. "But," he warned the ace crime-fighter, "wait a few minutes before you move. We must give this new preparation of mine time to dry."

Plastic Man nodded, then said, "While I'm lying here, Gray, maybe you can help me figure out who concocted the solvent that floored me."

"I've been giving it a lot of thought," Gray replied, "and I've come to the conclusion that the only one it could be is a Doctor Pipette, whom I had to discharge some months ago for trying to steal a formula you persuaded us to turn over to the government. I heard he started to see some shady characters after that, and I wouldn't doubt that he's in cahoots with the three thugs you saw robbing the bank yesterday."

When they left Gray's laboratory ten minutes later, Woozy pranced happily at Plastic Man's side. "Gee, it's good to have you the same old Plas," he chortled. "I was really worried."

"There's a certain doctor and three thugs whose worries may be starting very soon," Plastic Man said grimly. "I won't forget those squirt guns they used on me last night."

"Me either," said Woozy.

Not long afterward Plastic Man sprang to the porch of Doctor Pipette's house and, when no one answered his knock, reached under the door and unlocked it from the inside. Entering cautiously, he and Woozy finally arrived at the doorway to a lighted room. But, as Plastic Man crossed the threshold, the floor beneath him collapsed and he plunged into a large vat of liquid.

At the sound of the splash another door opened off the hall and four men burst out. Woozy, hiding in the shadows of the hallway, recognized three of the men as the thugs who had pulled the bank robbery the night before. The fourth man, wearing thick glasses and sporting an unruly mop of hair, Wooy assumed to be Doctor Pipette.

The fourth man looked down into the vat. "This time, Plastic Man," he said, "you won't get away. We thought you'd find out who perfected that solvent and would come here to check up. So, we set this final trap for you."

Grinning fiendishly, the man rubbed his hands. "Too bad you can't hear me now," he added. "You're just a lump of plastic."

Suddenly, to the consternation of the four criminals, the dripping face of Plastic Man loomed over them. Grasping them with a pair of gigantic hands, he lifted the men clear of the floor. "I wouldn't be so confident, my murderous friends," he said. "You see, this time I was prepared."

Later, on their way home from the FBI Woozy turned a questioning glance toward his friend. "How come the solvent started dissolving you the first time but didn't work when you fell into the vat, Plas?" he asked.

"That's a secret, Woozy my boy," Plastic Man said, grinning. "Gray treated me so that I am now permanently resistant to the solvent Pipette dreamed up. You won't have to worry about my solvency any more."

SLAP-HAPPY PAPPY
KEEP YORE MOUTH OPEN, PAPPY! ET'LL FALL ENNY DAY NAOW!
SNAP
ET LAST!
PLUNK!
ONE MEASLY APPLE! AH REMEMBER WHEN AH CUD LAY ENNY PLACE UNDER THIS TREE AN' GIT A MOUTH FULL!
IF YUH'D LET ME PRUNE YOR TREE, YUH'D HAVE PLENTY O' FRUIT, PAPPY!
?
?
THET'S A BELLY-JOLTER! WHO EVER HEERED O' PRUNIN' A APPLE TREE?
YEH, HAR-HAR! GO AHEAD, LEM! PRUNE IT UP!
FER FIFTY CENTS!
FER FIFTY CENTS!
THERE YUH ARE ... ALL DONE!
HUH?
AH KNOWED YUH COULDN'T DO ET! WHAR'S TH' PRUNES?
BUT AH DIDN'T MEAN PRUNE LIKE IN FRUIT! ... AH MEANT PRUNE, LIKE IN CUTTIN' BRANCHES! WHAR'S M' FIFTY CENTS?
OH! I SEE! JIST A MINIT!
TH-THET AIN'T FIFTY CENTS! ET'S A--- UMFP!!
OH, AH DIN'T MEAN CENTS LIKE IN PENNIES! AH MEANT SCENTS LIKE IN SMELLS AN' WHO HEZ MORE UF 'EM THAN A SKUNK?
HALP!
HEH! HEH! TRY TO PUT ONE OVER ON US, WILL HE?

PLASTIC MAN
PRODUCTS
STRONG AS PLASTIC MAN HIMSELF!
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO PLASTIC MAN? I CAN'T FIND HIM!
NO FALLING SOCKS WITH THESE GARTERS!
OH! IT MAKES THE BEST-FITTING GIRDLE I EVER WORE!
AND AN ELEGANT PAIR OF SUSPENDERS!
CHLORO-FORM

UH-OH! A BLACKJACK ROBBERY!
AWRK! ONLY ONE GUY CAN STRETCH LIKE THAT ... PLASTIC MAN!
HAD TO LEAVE THE WALLET AND THE BLACKJACK! WOULDN'T WANT PLASTIC MAN TO FIND THEM ON ME IF HE CATCHES ME!
I SHOULD CATCH THAT CROOK RIGHT AWAY, BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO SEE ABOUT THIS POOR GUY!
HE'S JUST UNCONSCIOUS! I'LL GET A COP TO TAKE CARE OF HIM!
HEY, OFFICER!
PLASTIC MAN! WHAT'S UP?
YOU'LL FIND A MAN UNCONSCIOUS ON THE SIDEWALK DOWN THE STREET! BLACKJACK JOB! TAKE CARE OF THE VICTIM, WILL YOU?
RIGHT AWAY, PLAS!
WISH I'D HAD A GOOD LOOK AT HIM! BUT IF IT'S SOME WELL-KNOWN HOOD, I MAY SPOT HIM IN THE VICINITY!
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ENTERPRISING WILLIE! I WONDER!
SASHA'S STAGNATE SNACK BAR
DR. RUDKE INDIGESTION A SPECIALTY
FUNERAL PARL
SASHA'S
SASHA'S
COME HERE, WILLIE!
SASHA'S STAGNATE SNACK BAR
YIPE!
ASH
YOU JUST BLACKJACKED A MAN AND TRIED TO ROB HIM ON VINE STREET! ADMIT IT!
ME? I WASN'T EVEN NEAR VINE STREET!
BESIDES, YOU GOT ME ALL WRONG, PLASTIC MAN! I'M LEGIT NOW!
A LIKELY STORY! WHAT BUSINESS ARE YOU IN?
WHY···ER··· LEGITIMATE BUSINESS, NATURALLY! THAT IS···
WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS? QUIT STALLING!
THE RUBBER BUSINESS! THAT'S IT! THE RUBBER BUSINESS!
HMM!
RUBBER LABORATORIES
OSGOOD RUBBER LABORATORIES
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ALL RIGHT! I HAVEN'T ANY PROOF THAT YOU SLUGGED THE MAN, SO I'LL HAVE TO LET YOU GO! BUT IF I FIND ANY EVIDENCE, I'LL LOOK YOU UP!
SURE! SURE! GLAD TO SEE YOU ANY TIME, PLASTIC MAN!
TRASH
ESPECIALLY, DEAD!
OSGOOD RUBBER LABORAT
OSGOOD
TRASH
THE RUBBER BUSINESS... LEGITIMATE! YEAH! WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING LIKE THAT? THERE OUGHT TO BE PLENTY OF CROOKED ANGLES IN A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS!
OSGOOD RUB
OSGOOD RUBBER LABORATORIES
I'LL LOOK INTO IT!
WHAT'S COOKIN', CHUM?
RUBBER! I'M EXPERIMENTING WITH MY NEW FORMULA, WITH WHICH I HOPE TO PRODUCE A GOOD, BUT CHEAP GRADE OF RUBBER!
SLURP!
GLAD YOU CAME IN! I ALWAYS LIKE TO HAVE FUTURE CUSTOMERS SHOW AN INTEREST!
OH, I'M INTERESTED, ALL RIGHT!
PITOOIE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
4
WHAT'S IN THAT ROOM?
JUST A STOREROOM FOR CHEMICALS! WHY? YOUR MANNER IS RATHER... ER... ALARMING!
BAM!

COULD BE! I'M TAKING OVER YOUR BUSINESS! GET IN THERE!
BAM!
BUT...
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
NO BUTS! I'M GONNA MANUFACTURE RUBBER AND MAKE DOUGH OUT OF IT!
BUT YOU CAN'T! MY FORMULA ISN'T COMPLETE! THE RUBBER YOU SAW IN THAT VAT IS STILL VERY UNSATISFACTORY!
TAP!
PUFF!
PUFF!
PUFF!
AW, A SMART BUSINESS-MAN CAN'T GIVE THE CUSTOMER A PRODUCT THAT'S TOO PERFECT! IT MAKES PEOPLE EXPECT TOO MUCH! AND THEN YOU CAN NEVER MAKE ANY BIG DOUGH BY GYPPIN' EM!
CLANK!
FIRST THING TOMORROW I HIRE SOME GIRDLE MAKERS, GARTER MAKERS AND SUSPENDER MAKERS! THEN I'M GONNA SEE AN ADVERTISING MAN! BZZZZ
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Next morning...
ENTERPRISING WILLIE! WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE?
ONE OF YOUR BIG-TIME ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS, RITCHIE! I'M IN A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS NOW!
LYON
ADVERTISING AGENCY
LISTEN... I DON'T WANT ANY EAVES-DROPPERS TO HEAR THIS! PSSST!
NO! NO! NOT THAT KIND OF ADVERTISING! I CAN'T DO IT! I'D BE RUINED!
BZZZZ!
BZZZZZ!
BZZZ!
BZZZ!
BZZZ!
BZZZZ!
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IF YOU DON'T DO IT . . . I'LL SEND AN ANONYMOUS NOTE TO THE COPS ABOUT HOW YOU HELPED OUT IN THE RUGVILLE BANK JOB FIVE YEARS AGO!
YOU'VE GOT ME OVER A BARREL, WILLIE! I···I'LL DO IT!
BLACK
Next day··· all over town ···
THAT'S FOR ME, AGNES! I'M TIRED OF GIRDLES THAT WEAR OUT IN TWO DAYS!
IF IT'S STRONG AS PLASTIC MAN, IT SHOULD LAST FOREVER!
The OSGOOD GIRDLE
MADE OF RUBBER AS STRONG AS PLASTIC MAN!
GET THEM AT TEN BROWN ST.!
endorsed by Plastic Man
AT LAST A PAIR OF SUSPENDERS THAT'LL REALLY HOLD MY PANTS UP! I'LL GO TO OSGOOD'S AT ONCE!
OSGOOD SUSPENDERS! STRONG AS PLASTIC MAN RUBBER GET THEM AT OSGOOD'S
DO YOUR SOCKS KEEP FALLING DOWN LIKE LONDON BRIDGE? REMEMBER, OSGOOD'S GARTERS ARE MADE OF THE SAME KIND OF RUBBER THAT WENT INTO PLASTIC MAN!
ABOUT TIME A GOOD PAIR OF GARTERS WAS PUT ON THE MARKET!
THAT'LL BE FIFTY BUCKS FOR THE GIRDLE!
IT'S CHEAP IF THE RUBBER IN IT IS AS STRONG AS PLASTIC MAN!
OSG GIRDLES
PLASTIC MAN!
OSGOOD GARTERS
TWENTY BUCKS FOR THE GARTERS, MISTER! THIRTY-FIVE FOR THE SUSPENDERS!
THE PRICES SOUND HIGH BUT IT'S STILL A GOOD BUY FOR THIS KIND OF RUBBER!
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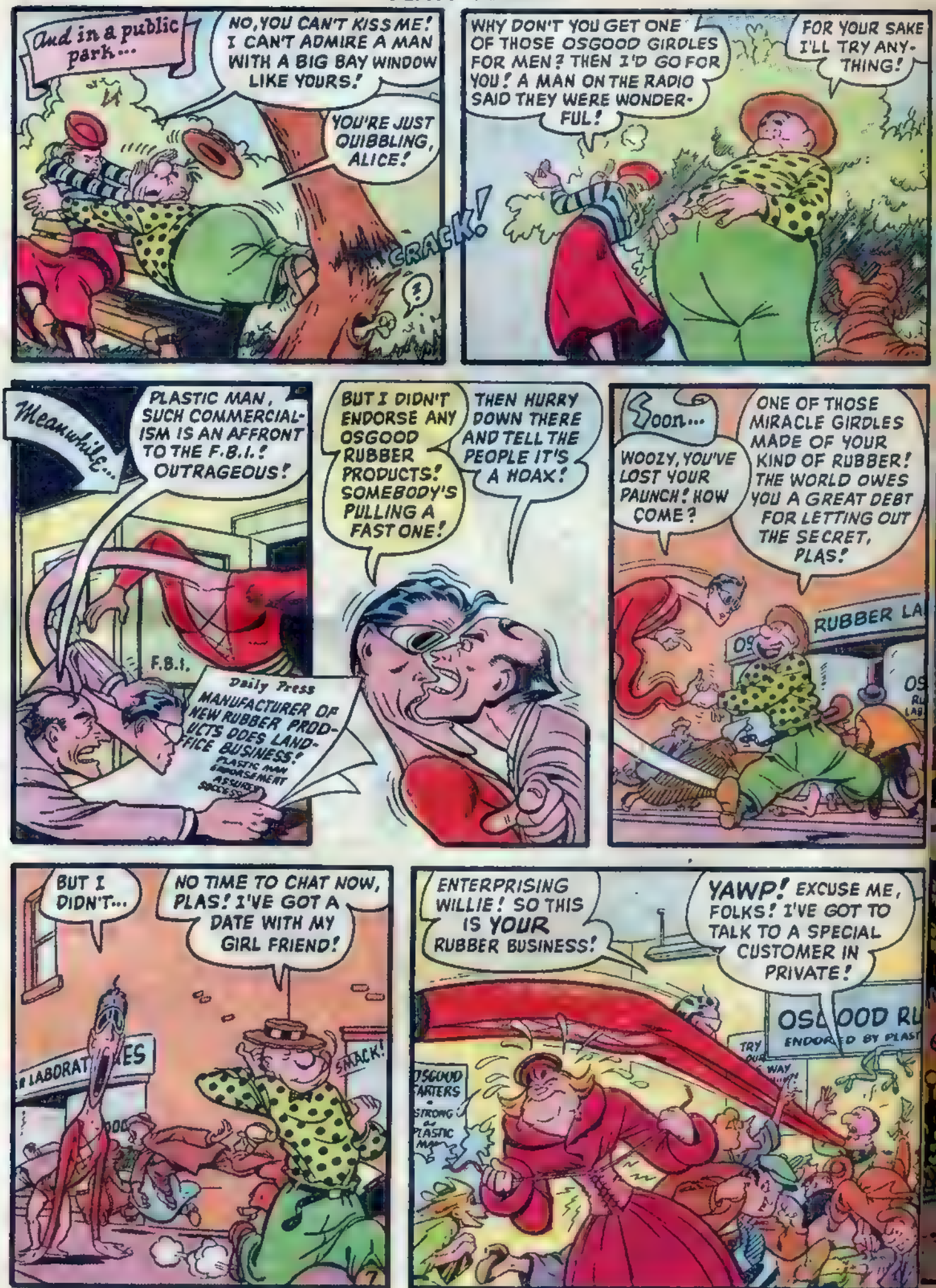
And in a public park...
NO, YOU CAN'T KISS ME! I CAN'T ADMIRE A MAN WITH A BIG BAY WINDOW LIKE YOURS!
YOU'RE JUST QUIBBLING, ALICE!
CRACK!
?
WHY DON'T YOU GET ONE OF THOSE OSGOOD GIRDLES FOR MEN? THEN I'D GO FOR YOU! A MAN ON THE RADIO SAID THEY WERE WONDERFUL!
FOR YOUR SAKE I'LL TRY ANYTHING!
Meanwhile...
PLASTIC MAN, SUCH COMMERCIALISM IS AN AFFRONT TO THE F.B.I.! OUTRAGEOUS!
F.B.I.
Daily Press
MANUFACTURER OF NEW RUBBER PRODUCTS DOES LANDOFFICE BUSINESS!
PLASTIC MAN ENDORSEMENT ASSURES SUCCESS
BUT I DIDN'T ENDORSE ANY OSGOOD RUBBER PRODUCTS! SOMEBODY'S PULLING A FAST ONE!
THEN HURRY DOWN THERE AND TELL THE PEOPLE IT'S A HOAX!
Soon...
WOOZY, YOU'VE LOST YOUR PAUNCH! HOW COME?
ONE OF THOSE MIRACLE GIRDLES MADE OF YOUR KIND OF RUBBER! THE WORLD OWES YOU A GREAT DEBT FOR LETTING OUT THE SECRET, PLAS!
RUBBER LA
BUT I DIDN'T...
NO TIME TO CHAT NOW, PLAS! I'VE GOT A DATE WITH MY GIRL FRIEND!
SMACK!
ENTERPRISING WILLIE! SO THIS IS YOUR RUBBER BUSINESS!
YAWP! EXCUSE ME, FOLKS! I'VE GOT TO TALK TO A SPECIAL CUSTOMER IN PRIVATE!
OSGOOD GARTERS
STRONG AS PLASTIC MAN

YOU LITTLE CHISELLER! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY USING MY NAME IN YOUR ADVERTISING?
WHY, PLASTIC MAN, YOU SHOULD BE PROUD TO ENDORSE MY PRODUCT! IT'S A BOON TO CIVILIZATION!
SWISH!
LEMME GO, PLASTIC MAN! THE CUSTOMERS ARE IMPATIENT!
TOO BAD! NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME! YOU'LL RUN ANOTHER ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN, DENYING MY AFFILIATION WITH YOUR PRODUCT! GET THAT?
In the meantime...
OH, WOOZY! YOU'RE SO STREAMLINED NOW! THE GIRDLE'S WONDERFUL!
YES, IT CAPTURES MY TRUE PERSONALITY!
?
=GULP= IT BUSTED!
SNAP!
YOU BIG TUB OF LARD! EVEN A GIRDLE AS STRONG AS PLASTIC MAN CAN'T HOLD YOU IN!
I'VE BEEN SWINDLED! DUPED! ROBBED! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THIS!
And here and there...
EEEK! MY NEW GIRDLE! IT BROKE!
CRASH!
DRAT! MY SOCKS ARE FALLING AGAIN! THESE NEW GARTERS ARE NO GOOD!
MY SUSPENDERS! THEY'VE SNAPPED!

LEMME GET MY HANDS ON THOSE GUYS!
ESPECIALLY PLASTIC MAN! THE LYING PHONY!
UH-OH! NOW WHAT?
STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE, WILLIE! I'LL HANDLE THIS!
THERE HE IS! THAT'S PLASTIC MAN!
KILL HIM!
PLASTIC MAN, HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING TO US?
GIVE IT TO HIM, FOLKS! IT WAS HIS IDEA TO TAKE YOUR MONEY FOR THAT PHONY RUBBER!
GOT TO ESCAPE IF I'M EVER TO GET A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THAT CRACK UNDER THE DOOR!
WHERE IS HE? WE HAD HIM RIGHT UNDER US A MINUTE AGO!
Y'SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THAT SWINDLER GET AWAY! FIND HIM! HE MUST BE SOMEWHERE AROUND!
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M OSGOOD! I'M A PRISONER HERE! I CAN'T DO ANY-THING BUT SIT AND LISTEN TO THAT MAD MAN SELL GOODS MADE OF A RUBBER I NEVER PERFECTED!
HMM... IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY TO IMMOBILIZE THOSE PEOPLE SO I COULD TALK TO THEM!
HERE! IF YOU CAN GET A PINCH OF THIS CHEMICAL INTO THE VAT, THE LIQUID RUBBER WILL OVERFLOW AND EVERY-BODY IN THE LAB WILL GET STUCK!
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WHERE IS HE?
I'LL TAKE SOME RUBBER OFF HIS HIDE!
THIS BETTER WORK!
LIQUID RUBBER
WHAT TH...! I'M STUCK!
GET ME OUT OF THIS! HELP!
NOW, FOLKS, YOU CAN CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO ME! I DIDN'T ENDORSE ANY RUBBER! THIS CROOK USED MY NAME WITHOUT MY CONSENT!
NOW GET THE KEY AND LET OSGOOD OUT! YOU SEE, FRIENDS, ENTERPRISING WILLIE IMPRISONED THE REAL OWNER OF THIS PLACE AND TOOK IT OVER!
SURE! SURE! IT WAS JUST A GAG!
THIS LIQUID WILL DISSOLVE THE STICKY RUBBER!
COME TO THINK OF IT, PLASTIC MAN, YOU'LL HAVE A TOUGH TIME PROVING THIS WAS ANYTHING BUT A GAG! A JURY'LL JUST HAVE A GOOD LAUGH!
HMM!
PLASTIC MAN, YOUR CHIEF SAID I MIGHT FIND YOU HERE! THAT MAN WHO WAS SLUGGED IDENTIFIED HIS ATTACKER FROM A ROGUES' GALLERY PICTURE!
GOOD! LET ME SEE IT!
IT'S YOU, WILLIE! WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A JURY LAUGHING AT THIS ASSAULT CHARGE!
THOSE COPS AND THEIR ROGUES' GALLERY! PHOOEY! THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST TAKING A GUY'S PICTURE AGAINST HIS WISHES!

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LET'S GET OUT'A HERE BILLY!
WAIT, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! STOP OR I'LL SHOOT!
JEEZ! THE KID'S GOT A REAL GUN KILLER!
GOOD WORK, BILLY. WE'VE BEEN AFTER THESE CROOKS FOR A LONG TIME...
YOU FOOLED US, KID. I THOUGHT THAT GUN WAS A REAL ONE!
BILLY, YOU SAVED THE BANK. HERE'S YOUR REWARD!
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